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SUBJ: JEWISH EMIGRATION: MEETING WITH ISRAELI AMBASSADOR

1. IN PREPARATION FOR CODEL VANIK VISIT CHARGE CALLED ON ISRAELI AMBASSADOR COHEN OCT 21 TO DISCUSS RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN JEWISH EMIGRATION. FOLLOWING ARE SALIENT POINTS OF MEETING:

A. AS OF OCT 21, 330 PERSONS HAD DEPARTED THIS MONTH. AMB COHEN ESTIMATES APPROXIMATELY 10 ADDITIONAL PERSONS WILL LEAVE IN OCTOBER. THIS REPRESENTS MODERATE INCREASE OVER SEPT STATISTICS.

B. AS OF OCT 21 ONLY 45 PASSPORTS HAVE BEEN ISSUED THIS MONTH. THIS IS PRECIPITOUS DROP COMPARED TO PREVIOUS FIVE MONTHS, ALTHOUGH TREND HAS BEEN CONSISTENTLY DOWNWARD SINCE JULY.

C. THROUGH END OF OCTOBER APPROXIMATELY 2,100 PASSPORTS WILL HAVE BEEN ISSUED BY GOR THIS YEAR. BY END OF MONTH APPROXIMATELY 1,800 PASSPORT HOLDERS WILL HAVE EMIGRATED TO ISRAEL SINCE JANUARY. AT PRESENT RATE OF APPROVALS  
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AMB COHEN ESTIMATES TOTAL DEPARTURES FOR YEAR WILL APPROXIMATE 2,250

PERSONS OR TWO-THIRDS OF 1975 OUTFLOW.

2. COMMENT. AMBASSADOR COHEN, WHOSE PESSIMISM ON THE BEST OF DAYS IS A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH, WAS IN AN ESPECIALLY DEPRESSED MOOD ABOUT IMMEDIATE FUTURE FOR JEWISH EMIGRATION. HE PREDICTS NEITHER FULFILLMENT OF GOR'S PROMISES NOR OF GOI'S EXPECTATIONS. HE CLAIMS THERE ARE A "GROWING NUMBER" OF PEOPLE (HE REFUSED TO BE MORE PRECISE IN DEFINING TERM) WHO UPON ANNOUNCING THEIR INTENTION TO APPLY FOR EMIGRATION ARE PROMPTLY INVITED TO RESIGN THEIR JOBS. SIMILARLY, HE SAYS NUMBER OF STUDENTS IS ON THE RISE WHO ARE TOLD THEY CANNOT CONTINUE THEIR STUDIES FOLLOWING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS TO EMIGRATE. IT IS AMB COHEN'S JUDGEMENT THAT AN ATMOSPHERE OF DETERRENCE TO EMIGRATION IS BEING PURPOSELY CREATED AND CONSEQUENTLY FEWER AND FEWER PEOPLE ARE NOW MOVED TO APPLY FOR PERMANENT DEPARTURE. ALTHOUGH HE DOES NOT RULE OUT OTHER FACTORS, HE THINKS PRINCIPAL REASON FOR CURRENT GOR TACTICS IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO GROWING THREATS OF ARAB BOYCOTT (SEE BUCHAREST 5365).

3. AS USUAL AMB COHEN'S FIGURES DO NOT PRECISELY JIBE WITH THOSE FROM TEL AVIV (SEE TEL AVIV 6515). ALTHOUGH I HAVE NEVER BEEN CONVINCED WE KNEW EVERYTHING WE WOULD LIKE TO OR OUGHT TO ABOUT ROLE OF ISRAELI EMBASSY IN THIS BUSINESS, ALL THE SAME AMB COHEN'S CREDIBILITY WITH EMBASSY BUCHAREST HAS REMAINED HIGH THROUGHOUT PAST YEAR. I THEREFORE FEEL SOME REASON TO SHARE HIS CONCERN OVER TREND OF EVENTS. WE WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY FOR ANOTHER VIEW OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS TOMORROW WHEN REP VANIK MEETS WITH CHIEF RABBI ROSEN. VIETS

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